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1. The DI has become involved in the following three operational tasks which will enhance its counterintelligence capabilities:

a. Use of Apache-model Chevrolet trucks equipped with radio direction-finding equipment, which will have the added capability of jamming clandestine broadcasts during an emergency.

b. Telephone taps against known or suspect anti-government personnel in the DI and other government agencies; this is a common practice.

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c. The overhauling and painting of 46 old-model Chevrolets and Fords for use as taxis which DI detectives will drive.

2. To improve and modernize its communications center; the Department has been installing a powerful high-frequency radio transmitter at the presidential residence on Tomas Moro Avenue. [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] believe that the DI Director General, Eduardo P e r e d e s, learned about this radio communications equipment in Cuba and they are convinced that the greater part of the equipment has come from Cuba. DI personnel have traveled to Cuba for periods of several months to study its operation. [REDACTED] believed that one reason behind the arrival of Cubana aircraft at Santiago after dark was to hide the existence of the radio sets from public knowledge and from the idle curiosity of airport employees. It was noted that either Paredes or Carlos T o r o, Paredes' Deputy and a close associate, was always at the airport when one of these shipments arrived from Cuba to insure proper handling by airport officials.)

3. Money had not been a problem for the DI. As of the end of June 1972, the DI had spent over four million escudos on the radio surveillance equipment alone.

4. DI detectives are receiving instruction in the operation of machine guns, including daily firing by a bus-load of personnel on a range near the airport. The small machine guns previously used by these detectives have been replaced by a more potent .45 caliber weapon.

5. To limit access to the headquarters building, the DI has closed a small entrance, previously open to the public, to all but those individuals having authority to enter. The larger main entrance will remain open to the public, but only for an hour each day. Detectives armed with submachine guns will be stationed at this entrance. In addition, a booth with bullet-proof glass and manned by two additional armed guards, was to have been erected at the entrance. A second booth, made of thick steel plates painted to appear as wood, was to be built outside the entrance. This booth will have an aperture through which visitors can request permission to enter the building, once the guard receives clearance by telephone or intercom and an escort arrives from the office which the outsider wishes to visit.

6. The passageways found to the right of the entrance inside the DI building are blocked at the second floor by thick steel doors, as is the corridor leading to the armory. [REDACTED] Comment: The next area to be closed off is the passageway to the left as the building is entered.) All windows in the building will be protected by steel bars and bullet-proof glass eventually. The entrance to the floor of the DI headquarters building on which radio communications is located is protected by sheets of steel six centimeters thick. The sides of the radio transmitter room are protected by bullet-proof windows. The roof is covered by a layer of slate with steel sheets underneath. [REDACTED] Comment: These physical security measures are fine, but not very effective if people are free to enter the building and roam around, as has been the case. [REDACTED] agree with this contention, but several have said that [REDACTED] are in the mill.)

7. [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] consider PyL very well organized. [REDACTED] noted that PyL members are well armed, practice firing daily, and know how to maintain their

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weapons. Members of the Christian Democratic Party (PDC) are also considered to have effective weapons. [REDACTED] said he knew this because members of this group in his neighborhood, personal friends, had offered him submachine guns to keep in his home in the event of a serious emergency.) [REDACTED] Comment: This "PDC" group is probably PROTECO, a neighborhood self-defense organization. [REDACTED]

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